

Remarks

Each of the newly submitted claims provides for a system or method for preventing the manipulation of a system of a vehicle functional to operate various control devices of certain components of the vehicle. In such system and method, a selected identifier is embedded in a memory module functional to operate a controlled device on the vehicle, which module is initially installed in a system of the vehicle. The vehicle system then reads the identifier embedded in the initially installed module and stores the read identifier in a one-time programmable memory of the vehicle system. Upon subsequent replacement of such module, the vehicle system functions to authenticate such replacement module by reading any scanned identifier of the replacement module and comparing the read identifier with the stored identifier. It is submitted that such system and method is neither disclosed nor taught in the Levenson et al.

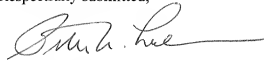
In the cited system, the reference identifier is not derived and initially read from an authentic module and stored in a one-time programmable memory of a vehicle system, for subsequent comparison with identifiers read from replacement modules, but is derived by other means. While the purposes of the claimed invention and the Levenson et al system may be the same, the means and methods of accomplishing such purposes are different. Furthermore, the claimed system and method would appear to be more simple, economical and reliable. It requires the derivation of a reference identifier from an initial authentic module, the storage of such derived identifier in a manner in which it can not be altered and a

comparison of such unalterable reference identifier with scanned identifiers of replacement modules.

In view of the forgoing, it respectfully is requested that the newly submitted claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.005.US0000.

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